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SUBJECT: IMPRISONED MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT FINISHES TERM

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1. FORMER NAKURU MP MARK MWITHAGA WAS RELEASED FROM PRISON AUGUST 15, A PARLIAMENTARY COLLEAGUE HAS REPORTED TO EMBOFF. COLLEAGUE SAID HE VISITED MWITHAGA AT NAKURU ON AUGUST 16, AND THAT MWITHAGA HOPES TO REGAIN HIS SEAT AT NEXT ELECTION.

2. MWITHAGA WAS TRIED AND SENTENCED TO TWO YEARS IMPRISONMENT IN AUGUST 1975 ON WHAT MANY CONSIDERED TO BE TRUVPED-UP CHARGES OF ASSAULT AND PROPERTY DAMAGE FILED BY HIS FORMER WIFE. A PARLIAMENTARY LONER, HE MADE POWERFUL ENEMIES AS VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE PURSUING INVESTIGATION OF GOVERNMENT INVOLVEMENT IN ASSASSINATION OF MP J.M. KARIUKI IN EARLY 1975. IN JUNE 1975 HE WAS UNSEATED ON CHARGE OF 1974 ELECTION IRREGULARITIES, BUT IN SUBSEQUENT BY-ELECTION HE TOOK 62 PERCENT OF TOTAL VOTE, EVEN THOUGH ON LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ELECTION DAY HE WAS ALREADY SERVING HIS TWO-YEAR SENTENCE.

3. MWITHAGA'S CHANCES OF RUNNING FOR PARLIAMENT DEPEND ON GETTING CANDIDACY APPROVED BY NAKURU BRANCK OF KANU, HEADED BY HIS POLITICAL FOE MP KIHKA KIMANI, WHO IS NATIONAL OFFICER OF KIKUYU TRIBAL ASSOCIATION. CURRENT OCCUPANT OF MWITHAGA'S SEAT IS WILLY KOMEN, DESCRIBED

AS ALLY OF KIMANI.

4. MP'S STILL BEHIND BARS IN KENYA INCLUDE SERONEY,
SHIKUKU, AND ANYONA IN DETENTION; MUTAI IN JAIL AFTER
CONVICTION IN COURT. MP PETER KIBISU, MENTIONED IN REF
AIRGRAM, IS FREE AGAIN AFTER HAVING SERVED 15-MONTH PRISON
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